

**Proposed Application Narrative Questions
with Respect to Disadvantaged Communities
Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Programs, FY 2016-17**

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

Disadvantaged communities are identified by CalEPA based on CalEnviroScreen 2.0 (October 31, 2014). Additional information on CalEnviroScreen and the identification of disadvantaged communities is available at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/GHGInvest/>. Projects claiming to benefit one or more disadvantaged communities must meet the criteria developed by the ARB for providing direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to a disadvantaged community AND demonstrate that the project meaningfully addresses an important community need.

1. Summarize how your project will affect disadvantaged communities and provide detailed responses to the questions below. Describe documentation provided demonstrating how the project meets the criteria for providing benefits to disadvantaged communities. See above for ARB guidelines.

2. Describe any community needs and how the community was or will be involved in the local planning and environmental review processes for this project, including how neighbors were contacted, public meetings and dates, demographic issues considered, and whether translation was or will be needed. Summarize the results of this outreach; identify community's concerns, questions, or comments and how they will be addressed. Describe what, if any, mitigations were or might be included in the project as a result of these processes, including but not limited to mitigating potential impacts such as aesthetics, air quality, cultural resources, dust, odor, hazards and hazardous materials, water quality, land use, noise, housing, public services, recreation, and transportation/traffic.

3. Explain economic and social benefits that will be provided to these communities. If your project will create construction and/or permanent jobs in disadvantaged communities, indicate how many jobs, total project work hours, job classification/trade, approximate salaries and benefits for each job classification and trade, and how long these jobs will last. Indicate which jobs will be performed by residents of a disadvantaged community and associated jobs classification/trade. Provide information on job training programs for disadvantaged community residents which lead to industry-recognized credentials or certifications and the census tract where these job training recipients are located. Identify the job training programs and credentials or certifications. Add all relevant information that was used to determine the created job projection for this project.

4. Explain how your project will provide direct air and water quality benefits in the disadvantaged community. Where possible, quantify these air and water quality benefits (i.e. reductions in criteria air pollutants or water constituents of concern). Do not describe GHG reductions. If you are claiming reductions in Clean Air Act criteria air pollutants, indicate which pollutants, estimate or specify the amount of reductions, and explain how these reductions were estimated or quantified.

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5. Explain other environmental benefits of the project that will accrue to the community, such as reduced heavy duty diesel truck traffic in the community.

6. For the Organics Grant Program only

If applicable, describe how the Food Waste Prevention and Rescue aspect of your project, including one that will be implemented through a partner, will benefit a disadvantaged community. A food waste prevention and rescue project prevents food waste from being generated or rescues edible food from becoming waste normally destined for landfill disposal. The food rescue aspect shall result in rescued food being distributed to people; any food waste residuals from the project must be sent to a compost, digestion, or fermentation facility when one is available within the food rescue projects service area. Include an explanation of the project, the amount of food that will be rescued as a result of the project, the associated amount of waste avoided, and greenhouse gas reductions achieved.